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HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE (APHIS) PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER TWO
US AND FOUR FN POSITIONS TO MEXICO

1. AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT/ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPEC-
TION SERVICE (APHIS) PROPOSE TO TRANSFER TWO US AND FOUR FN
MEDITERRANEAN FRUIT FLY (MEDFLY) POSITIONS TO MEXICO.

2. APHIS JUSTIFICATION IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE. THE ANIMAL
AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE MEDFLY PLAN INITIALLY
CALLED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LABORATORY TO REAR STERILE
FLIES IN EL SALVADOR, CENTRAL AMERICA.

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AS THE NUMBER OF MEDFLY INFESTATIONS INCREASED IN THE STATE
OF CHIAPAS, MEXICO (ADJACENT TO GUATEMALA), MEXICAN AGRI-
CULTURAL OFFICIALS INSISTED THAT ADDITIONAL CONTROL ACTIONS
BE TAKEN TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE MEDFLY INTO NORTHERN
MEXICO. THE ACTION RECOMMENDED WAS TO CONSTRUCT A MEDFLY
REARING AND STERILIZATION LABORATORY IN TAPACHULA, CHIAPAS,
MEXICO, PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF ITS CONVENIENCE TO GUATEMALA,

WHICH IS THE AREA OF HEAVY INFESTATION.

IN AN EXCHANGE OF TELEGRAMS, APHIS AND MEXICO AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OPERATION OF THE MEDFLY REARING FACILITY IN TAPACHULA WHICH WILL BE CONSTRUCTED BY MEXICO. END QUOTE.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE COM COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED TRANSFERS, INCLUDING ANY IMPACT ON MISSION ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT CAPABILITY. CHANGE IF APPROVED WOULD BRING AUTHORIZED APHIS STAFFING IN MEXICO TO 98 AMERICANS AND 194 FOREIGN NATIONALS. IN EL SALVADOR, CHANGE IF APPROVED WOULD BRING APHIS AUTHORIZED STAFFING LEVEL TO ONE US. VANCE

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